

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed March 1, 2005, claims 13 and 16 have been amended and claims 14-15 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-21 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Reference is made to a plurality of telephonic conversations between January 10, 2005 and February 22, 2005 attended by Examiner Elallam and Victor G. Cooper (Reg. No. 39,641) some of which further included Supervisory Examiner Kizou Hassan and Georgann S. Grunebach (33,179), in which the patentability of the unallowed claims were discussed.

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended the claims as indicated above to expedite allowance of allowable subject matter and with the intention of pursuing further patentable subject matter via continuing applications.

IV. CONCLUSION

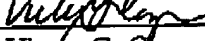
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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